

Date: 4/3/2026

MATTERS ARISING

- As the condition of the flat roof has deteriorated due to the recent heavy rain, advice was received from the Buildings Maintenance area in the Department to submit an Emergency works application for the flat roof only. As the pending report has not been received and is delaying the submission of the application, we are going to ask someone else to complete the report
- A new heating system (a heat pump and gas instead of the current oil system) will be installed in summer 2026 – this is being funded by the SEAI. The gas tank will be put where the garden shed currently is and the garden shed will be moved to where the oil tank currently is. Planning permission for this is now at the front of the school and will be displayed for 3 months, in line with recommendations.
A sign will be in place to warn of building works over the summer.
- An assessor will be coming in April to assess the need for insulation in the front part of the school
- After Easter, we are going to offer an After School Club facility to parents of children in Junior and Senior Infants who have siblings in older classes in the school to stay in the school until 3pm and be looked after by Leann Dunne. This will occur in the school hall. BOM all agreed that this would be a valuable service to parents and are happy for this to commence.
- We are considering organising a bus service to the school from Rathnew and Wicklow for children living in those areas as some families are having difficulties getting to school in situations where parents don't drive - BOM all happy to go ahead with this plan. It was agreed that the expression of interest notice should be sent to all parents in the interest of transparency and inclusion. School to get details regarding route and cost from Floods.
- As a result of the community fundraising efforts and donations received, the school was able to purchase three new Smartboards so all classrooms now have up-to-date interactive boards. The teachers received training on this recently

PUPILS AND STAFFING

- Following the SNA review in December, we were allocated 0.5 of a second SNA position. Shortlisting has been completed and interviews will take place for this on Tuesday 10th March.
- 15 new pupils have started since the 30th September 2025 (and three more are enrolled in the coming weeks), resulting in some classes being very full. As per our Admissions policy, the Board of Management reserves the right to determine the maximum number of children in each separate classroom. One classroom will be deemed full when two new pupils join in the coming weeks and this may happen in the future for other classes
- BOM in full agreement with this, and noted that children in the classroom and the teacher must be considered too

- We are currently only a few children short of being in a position to apply for another mainstream classroom teacher. The Department have confirmed that late applications will be accepted if we do meet the criteria. An application has been submitted for Additional School Accommodation in the event that another teacher is approved

CURRICULUM

-DEIS Action Plan- Implementing year three of the plan – Ms Hartigan and Mr Finn have completed an online course to assist with DEIS planning and will use this learning in devising a new DEIS Plan later in the year, with all staff being involved in this as part of Croke Park hours.

-Continue to implement the WSE and Primary Maths Curriculum inspection recommendations

CURRICULUM EVENTS

A whole school Green Schools assembly was held before mid term.

Successful 'No Waste Wednesday' was held on the 4th of March.

Vicky held two days of Jumping and Throwing workshops, in line with the PE curriculum

World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March

St Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge were currently being celebrated with a strong emphasis on oral Irish and a whole school céilí and tráth na gceist

First Penance is on Thursday the 12th of March, Confirmation is on the Friday the 17th of April 2026 and Communion is on the Saturday the 16th of May 2026

AFTER SCHOOL

Homework club is being very well attended

After school music with Ms. Cowdrey every Monday

After school art classes with Ms McGrane and Leann commenced on Thursday 26th February and are very popular

Chess Club is on Friday mornings at 9:00am

SPORT

Boys and girls from 3rd class upwards have been doing the GAA football and camogie skills tests and two boys and two girls will be chosen to represent the school in each sport

After school swimming continues every Wednesday

3rd-6th class will be attending an Athletics event in Avondale on 10th March

PARENTS INVOLVEMENT

Junior Infants to 2nd Class Parent and SET teacher meetings were held in February - very good feedback from parents

PA suggestions relating to uniforms and security at the front of the school.

- As was agreed at the previous Board meeting, a poll was given to parents in relation to the school uniform and it was voted unanimously to change to the school tracksuit (with school crest) only effective from September 2026.

BOM happy for this to start next year and it was noted that all children joining the school from now on will only be required to wear the school tracksuit (with school crest).

- A key pad entry for the front doors of the school was suggested rather than a key fob system which worked out as very expensive. We are still awaiting a quote for putting a keypad system on the front doors of the school.

FUNDRAISING AND FUTURE EVENTS

Non uniform days every month - €1,891 has been donated through Aladdin to date, (96 pupils for 6 months)

Funds raised other than this were as follows:

- Romanian food night in the Hurlers pub - €850
- PA Christmas raffle draw - €1,795
- Christmas fair and plays in the community hall - €1,125
- Christmas jumper night in the Hurlers - €300
- Food night in the Hurlers - €500
- 24 Walkathon (in conjunction with Glenealy Hurling and Camogie clubs) - €4,769

As it was noted at the previous Board meeting that feedback had been received from parents that there was a lot of fundraising in December and also bearing in mind that the financial situation of the school is now much improved, the only fundraising event which took place this term was the Lions Club table quiz in January and there are no other events planned at the moment. We have not yet received our portion of the funds raised at the quiz.

BUILDINGS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Damp in one of the classrooms resulted in a new carpet being fitted and also new vents being may be installed

Repairs have been done to the portacabin due to a leaking roof

General upkeep

Signed:



Secretary to the Board of Management